

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, attachment I gives a full overview of all recently adopted measures and their projected effect. ECCP policies and other actions by Member States to date, in combination with restructuring of European industry, particularly in Central and Eastern Europe, have contributed to an absolute reduction of annual carbon dioxide emissions of some 305 million tonnes, 4.8 percent, across the EU-25 in 2004.

Attachment II provides an overview of the performance of individual Member States. In 2004, the EU-15, which shares the EU's Kyoto target of an 8 percent reduction, had reduced their greenhouse gas emissions by 0.9 percent compared to 1990 levels even though they recorded economic growth of 32 percent from 1990 to 2004. The average EU-15 member state's emissions over the most recent 5-year period are currently 2 percent below 1990 level.

Attachment III provides an overview of the planned use by individual Member States of the Kyoto mechanisms. The EU will make use of the cost-effective reduction options offered by its participation in the global carbon market, based on the Kyoto's flexible mechanisms, to meet its target.

In summary Mr. President, the EU has made good progress and its ultimate success will depend upon the speed and thoroughness of the implementation by Member States of legislative and domestic measures. Total projections for the EU-15 Member States show that the Kyoto targets can be met if Member States implement additional planned domestic measures and use the flexible mechanisms.

Despite this meaningful progress, the EU realizes that much more has to be done. Its climate change policy does not stop in 2012, the end of the Kyoto Treaty. The European Commission has also adopted a Communication outlining key elements for a strategy for further action post 2012. They include: the need for broader participation by countries and sectors; the development of low-carbon technologies; the continued and expanded use of market-based instruments; and the need to adapt to the inevitable impacts of climate change. A follow-up Communication with proposals for concrete steps at European and international levels is planned for the end of 2006.

These policies, and others like them, provide the necessary strong, long-term signals to industry, EU Member State governments, and the wider international community that the EU is committed to tackling climate change and expects all of its institutions, businesses, and citizens to do their part.

Many here in the US will try to use another country's failure or inaction as an excuse for not doing anything. But it is just that, an excuse. The harsh reality is that we all need to be doing more—and that means the United States too. Just as we cannot allow the EU challenges to serve as the basis for our inaction, I certainly hope that the

EU would not allow our lack of action to hinder their efforts to address this significant problem.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### GRAND OPENING OF THE ROTARY CLUBS OF MODESTO CENTENNIAL JUNCTION

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I celebrate the grand opening of the Rotary Clubs of Modesto Centennial Junction section of the Virginia Corridor and to recognize the United Rotary Clubs of Modesto's extraordinary contributions and support for the Virginia Corridor Rails-to-Trails project. When I visited the site in July of 2002, the Virginia Corridor was very much just an idea. However, as a result of the hard work of a number of city officials and staff members, and the determination of a group of motivated citizens, the entire Virginia Corridor will soon become a reality.

The United Rotary Clubs of Modesto, an organization that played an instrumental role to this project, is comprised of the five local Rotary clubs: the Modesto Rotary Club, the Modesto East Rotary Club, the Modesto Gateway Rotary Club, the Modesto North Rotary Club, and the Modesto Sunrise Rotary Club. Together, the local rotary clubs contributed significant funding for the trail segment between Roseburg and Orangeburg Avenues. The rotary clubs donated and installed lighting, a 10-foot wide asphalt trail surface, a kiosk, fencing and irrigation. This quarter mile trail, which will be known as the Rotary Clubs of Modesto Centennial Junction of the Virginia Corridor, features a trail with lighting, landscaping, benches, picnic tables and seat walls.

The Virginia Corridor Rails-to-Trails project is a truly collaborative effort between the city of Modesto, the State of California, the Federal Government, and a host of local community interests that, once completed, will successfully transform a once abandoned rail corridor into a premier linear park, trail and recreational gathering place in one of the fastest growing cities in California's Central Valley.

When completed, the Virginia Corridor will stretch nearly 4 miles from Modesto's central business district to the northern boundary of the city. Once completed, this trail will link neighborhoods by providing a safe and scenic commuter route to schools, parks, and restaurants for bicyclists and pedestrians. The Virginia Corridor will also offer a place for Modesto's outdoor enthusiasts to pursue a myriad of outdoor activities, as it will link three primary bike paths that include: the Hetch Hetchy Trail in North Modesto, the class I trails in Dry Creek Regional Park and the Tuolumne River Regional Park.

I congratulate the city of Modesto on the opening of the Rotary Clubs of Modesto Centennial Junction of the Vir-

ginia Corridor. I especially commend the invaluable contributions of the United Rotary Clubs of Modesto which, through their generosity and commitment to public service, have provided a community jewel that will go a long way towards improving the quality of life for the people of Modesto.●

#### HONORING OFFICER MICHEL O. CONLEY

• Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Officer Michel O. Conley, who lost his life in Colorado's Big Thompson Flood of 1976.

Thirty years ago, more than 1 foot of rain fell in a matter of hours, causing a flash flood in Big Thompson Canyon. One hundred and forty four people were killed and over \$30 million in property damage occurred. We remember those who died in this natural disaster and also the survivors who had to rebuild their lives, working as a community to start over again. This week, outside of my hometown of Loveland, CO, survivors of this tragedy gathered to commemorate the Big Thompson Flood. Though I could not be with them, my thoughts and prayers were. I speak on the Senate floor today as a tribute to this special event.

I ask that the following letter, which I wrote for the Memorial Service for Officer Michel O. Conley, be printed in the RECORD.

The material follows.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR OFFICER MICHEL O. CONLEY; 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIG THOMPSON FLOOD

DEAR MS. MARKS AND GUESTS: As we look back thirty years ago today we remember the shock and devastation that took place in the Big Thompson Canyon, and the loss of Officer Michel O. Conley.

Joan and I arrived just after the crest from the flood had passed through Loveland and were astounded by the destruction. We were devastated by the tragedy which affected our community.

The loss of Officer Michel Conley of the Estes Park Police Department is part of that tragedy. However, in his acts of service and selflessness he helped to prevent what could have been more losses. He helped to save approximately 60 people before he was lost in flood. His gallantry and bravery are to be commended.

Joan's and my prayers and thoughts are with you today as you commemorate the Big Thompson Canyon Flood and the life of Officer Conley, and with all whose lives were affected by this tragedy.

Sincerely,

WAYNE ALLARD,  
U.S. Senator.●

#### IN MEMORY OF DR. FELICIA H. STEWART

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to an extraordinary woman, renowned reproductive health expert Dr. Felicia Hance Stewart. Dr. Stewart died on April 13 at the age of 63. Her energy, compassion, intelligence and tireless commitment to

women's health made a difference for countless women in the U.S. and around the world.

Dr. Stewart's keen mind and affinity for medicine were apparent from her distinguished educational background. She received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley, graduating Phi Beta Kappa and with honors in biochemistry. In 1969, she received her M.D. degree from Harvard University Medical School. She did her postgraduate training at Cambridge City Hospital in Massachusetts and at the University of California, San Francisco Medical Center.

Dr. Stewart's passion for empowering women through increased access to reproductive health services was evident throughout her extraordinary career. Dr. Stewart began her practice in obstetrics and gynecology in Sacramento, working for Sutter Medical Group, doing clinical research with a focus on contraceptives. She also worked as associate medical director of Planned Parenthood in Sacramento.

In 1994, Dr. Stewart was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary for Population Affairs in the Clinton administration's Department of Health and Human Services, HHS. Working with then-Secretary of HHS Donna Shalala, Dr. Stewart was the senior expert responsible for family planning.

In 1996, she became director of Reproductive Health Programs at the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation in Menlo Park, CA. She was most recently codirector of the Bixby Center for Reproductive Health Research and Policy at UCSF.

Dr. Stewart wrote "Understanding Your Body: Everywoman's Guide to a Lifetime of Health," 1987, and "My Body, My Health: The Concerned Woman's Guide to Gynecology and Health," 1979. She cowrote "Contraceptive Technology," a major professional reference book that has been published in 18 editions, and "Emergency Contraception: The Nation's Best Kept Secret." She also published nearly 100 scientific journal articles.

Dr. Stewart's passionate and reasoned advocacy for increasing access to emergency contraception brought national attention to this critical women's health issue. Dr. Stewart was instrumental in conducting research which established that emergency contraception was safe and effective without a physician's prescription. Her research has helped increase access to emergency contraception in pharmacies throughout California.

In 1973, after *Roe v. Wade* was handed down, none of us thought we still would be fighting the same battle to protect fundamental women's reproductive rights in 2006. But the fight is more challenging than ever. Not only are we fighting to maintain abortion rights, but access to comprehensive health services, including contraception.

Dr. Felicia Stewart was at the forefront of that fight throughout her career. Her work helped prevent countless unintended pregnancies and em-

powered women to take control of their reproductive health. Dr. Stewart impacted many lives, from the women and men she served in clinics to the doctors, researchers and activists she inspired to follow in her footsteps. She leaves us with the inspiration to work harder and never give up the fight to secure the full range of reproductive health services for women. She leaves a lasting legacy that will not be forgotten.

Dr. Stewart is survived by her son Matthew Stewart and daughter Kathryn Stewart; her parents Lena and Harold Hance; her brother Allan Hance; stepchildren Tammy Barlow, Wayne Stewart, and Michael Stewart.

I am proud to have stood with Dr. Felicia Stewart in our fight to increase access to women's reproductive health services. She was a wonderful ally and supporter of my work in the Senate. She will be greatly missed. ●

#### TRIBUTE TO MEL STREETER

● Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, earlier this summer, Seattle lost one of its most impressive and inspiring leaders. As an outstanding architect and an extraordinary man, Mel Streeter left his mark on our community and changed the lives of so many.

When he died on Monday, June 12, we lost a great friend and a true pioneer.

For more than 50 years, Mel's dedication, optimism, and good cheer made him a Seattle institution. For years to come, his creativity, generosity, and mentorship will provide a model and an inspiration.

As one of the first African-American architects to lead a Seattle firm, Mel broke down barriers and created new opportunities for others who followed.

As a proud and active member of Tabor 100, the America Institute of Architects Seattle Diversity Roundtable, and the Seattle Planning Commission, he strengthened our region and shaped its growth.

And as a tireless advocate for low-income and senior housing, Mel showed his bold spirit and his big heart.

His ingenuity and influence live on across the Pacific Northwest.

We are all so lucky to have seen Mel's vision made real in beautiful structures across our State. We are luckier still to have had him in our lives.

Next week, the people of Seattle will come together at a special memorial ceremony to celebrate Mel Streeter's life. My prayers and thoughts are with his wife Kathy and sons Doug, Jon, Ken, and Kurt. May your memories serve always as a source of comfort. ●

#### 125TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

● Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, today I commemorate the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on the occasion of its 125th National Encampment being held August 10 through the 14 in Harrisburg, PA. The event honors the brave men who fought to preserve our Nation during the Civil War.

In 1866, Union Veterans of the Civil War organized into the Grand Army of the Republic, GAR, and became a social and political force that would control the destiny of the Nation for more than six decades. Membership in the veterans' organization was restricted to individuals who had served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service during the Civil War. In 1881, the GAR formed the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America to carry on its traditions and memory. On August 20, 1954, the U.S. Congress, under the leadership of GEN Douglas MacArthur and GEN Ulysses S. Grant, III, formally chartered the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Today, more than 6,500 members represent the Union Veterans of the Civil War throughout the United States. Their members devote a great deal of time, energy, and resources to preserve the history of the civil war in schools throughout the United States. They study the American Civil War from all perspectives in order to facilitate a deeper understanding of one of the most important events in our Nation's history.

In closing, I would like to again praise the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on the occasion of its anniversary for its work to perpetuate and honor the brave men who fought for us to preserve our Nation. As a veteran myself, I understand the importance of honoring our veterans and preserving our history, especially that of the Civil War. I hope my colleagues in the Senate join me in honoring the work of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. ●

#### 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF MAYVILLE, ND

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize a community in North Dakota that recently celebrated its 125th anniversary. On July 27-30, the residents of Mayville gathered to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Mayville's post office first opened on June 20, 1877, under the guidance of Mrs. Alvin Arnold, who served as the postmaster. It is believed that the community may have been named after her daughter May or for the wife of another postmaster in a nearby town. In 1888, led by Mayor E.M. Paulson, Mayville became a city.

Today, Mayville is thriving. Located in the beautiful Goose River Valley, Mayville prides itself on providing residents with a nice country living. Low crime, excellent education, and diverse economic opportunities set Mayville apart.

Mayville is also home to Mayville State University, which offers 2-year and 4-year liberal arts and professional degrees to over 700 students of all ages. Mayville State was the fourth university in the Nation to provide all of its